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PRESS RELEASE

COMMANDER OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC COMMAND VISITS BANGLADESH

DHAKA, OCTOBER 10 -- Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, Commander, United States Pacific Command, is visiting Dhaka, Bangladesh to meet with military counterparts and government officials for discussions on military cooperation activities and regional security initiatives. This visit, hosted by the U.S. Embassy Dhaka, is the first visit by a PACOM Commander since Admiral Keating's November 2007 visit following Cyclone Sidr.

The Admiral graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1977. His career as a Surface Warfare Officer includes assignments aboard USS William V. Pratt (DDG 44), USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), USS Callaghan (DDG 994), and USS Truxtun (CG 35), culminating in command of USS Leftwich (DD 984). Subsequent command assignments include Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO, Commander, NIMITZ Strike Group, Commander, U.S. THIRD Fleet, and Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe, U.S. Naval Forces Africa, and Allied Joint Force Command Naples. Ashore, he served as Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, the 78th Commandant of Midshipmen, United States Naval Academy, Director, Assessment Division (OPNAV N81), Director, Programming Division (OPNAV N80), and as Director, Navy Staff. He is a 1992 graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and holds a master's degree in Public Administration from the George Washington University.

United States Pacific Command protects and defends, in concert with other U.S. Government agencies, the territory of the United States, its people, and its interests. With allies and partners such as Bangladesh, PACOM is committed to enhancing stability in the Asia-Pacific region by promoting security cooperation, encouraging peaceful development, responding to contingencies and deterring aggression. To learn more about PACOM, please visit <http://www.pacom.mil/>.

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